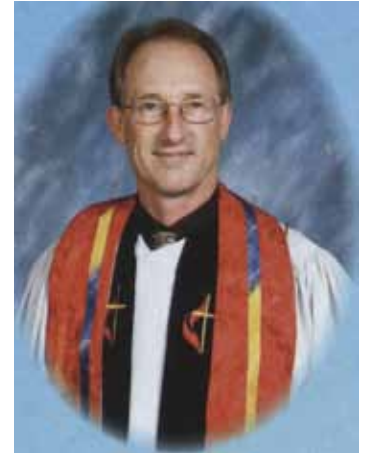




Pastor's Pen

In two weeks we are going to be having a very important time of discernment for CCUM. We are going to have a long range planning meeting on August 22nd following the second service. This mainly involves those on the Administrative Council but others are invited. If you want to attend please call the church office with your reservation.



During the months of July and August all the committees and work areas of the church have been challenged in their regular meeting times to consider the long term goals and directions of the church. They have been considering the "who, what, where, when and how" they contribute to the long term growth of our church. How can each group promote and fulfill our project of becoming the church for families with children living at home? How can we do this without abandoning any other ministries or groups?

And what are the areas of the church right now that we need to be addressing to help us increase in numbers, spirit and health?

These are a lot of things to consider, but with the Holy Spirit's help and our dedicated desire to listen and do the will of God we will do fine.

School has already started in the Vail and Flowing Wells district and this week it starts in the Foothills and next week in TUSD. Keep our teachers and students in your prayers. As time passes and things change, we need to change too to keep-up, thrive and grow. We used to have a "Rally Sunday" every year usually the Sunday right after Labor Day because school started the Tuesday after Labor Day. Now schools start from late July to late August and none of them coordinate their times. This means choirs and Sunday school either never quit for the summer like here or start up all at different times.

We ease into the Fall now with one program right after the other starting up week after week. We can't continue the tradition of "Rally Sunday" even though "we've always done it that way" because the tradition has out lived its usefulness. This is the theme of the message on August 22nd. We can't do it the way we've always done it because times have changed and to be a healthy growing church we need to change too.

This is something to think about as we approach our long range planning: are we bound by "having always done it this way" or are we going to let ourselves be set free by Christ to put new wine into new wineskin? Let's be in prayer and see what God will do!!!

In Christ's Love

Pastor Fred

MIRACLE SUNDAY is coming up on September 26th. This is the day we plan to take up the largest single one day offering the church has ever had. The purpose of this offering is to replace the sound system in the Sanctuary. The current sound system has served us well but become very unreliable and we need to replace it to make sure the high quality of our worship experiences continue. You will receive a letter on this during the coming week. Please begin now to pray and plan how you can participate in this second mile given to enhance the worship of God.

Please Mark Your Calendars

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

Starting
August 25th!

Mark the date now.

Classes for all ages!!!

Dinner @ 6:00PM

Classes/Choir @ 6:30PM

See you there!

SERVANT SATURDAY

(Church Work Day)

August 28th

Everyone is Welcome!

7:00AM - Breakfast served.

SUNDAY FUNDAY

August 29th - 11:45 AM

Fun and Games for All!

Hawaiian Potluck

Please bring a side or dessert!

Senior Movie in our Holyword

Theater. Lawn Games for the Kids!

Family Camp Sept. 4th - 6th

The Entertainment Books are available in the office. They are \$30.00 again this year with \$6.00 going to the Entertainment Book Emergency Fund for Gas Vouchers

The next *Channel* deadline will be **THURSDAY**, August 19th at 12:00 p.m.

Please e-mail your articles to:

Valerie@christchurchumtucson.org

The Channel is available online!

Should you wish to save the church some money and also save paper, please e-mail Valerie to receive the *Channel* via e-mail.



MUSIC CAMP

The Second Annual Music Camp was fantastic. The children were absolutely outstanding. It is amazing how much they can learn in 5 short days. Congratulations Lovebugs, Mustangs, Ferraris and Corvettes!! Your performance was such a blessing to over 200 people who came to see you. Special thanks to the all the wonderful volunteers. Everyone who is involved with Music Camp volunteers their time and expertise to make it a very special musical experience for the children... and that was 35 volunteers --- some who took vacation time from their jobs to volunteer. What a difference you made in these children's lives. THANK YOU

Here are a couple of comments from the children

* "I like everything about music camp. It is fun to be back this year and tonight will be the best day of my life."

* "I liked the singing and the ice cream sundaes."

* "I like to perform for my family. You get to do lots of activities, but what's best is you're singing to God."

THE VIDEOS ARE ON YOUTUBE....ADDRESSES BELOW FOR EACH GROUP:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xGwuci6CQ9>

LOVEBUGS

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FIHUBrQBIZM>

CHIMES

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hAZuE8qqIvQ>

REVVED UP PART 1

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dt9zRyaH0Nc&feature=youtube_gdata

REVVED UP PART 2

CHILDREN'S CHOIR STARTS AUGUST 18th!

MOVING TO PETER HOWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Many of you may be wondering if we will be involved with an elementary school now that Duffy has closed. Good news, we will be going down 5th street along with many Duffy families to Peter Howell Elementary School. David Overstreet the former Duffy principal has been appointed the new principal at Peter Howell and would welcome our continued support. With that said, the new school year is quickly approaching and school supplies are on sale.

I would like to ask your help in gathering supplies for the students and teachers at Peter Howell, there will be a box in the office where you can bring them during the week and a box in Fellowship Hall on Sundays. Below is a list of possible things we can provide:

Crayons, Pencils ,glue, spiral notebooks, markers, colored pencils construction paper, Xerox paper, Pocket folders, erasers, in other words general school supplies.

I look forward to a great year with the Peter Howell families.

Debbie Haddock
CCUM Peter Howell Liason



BIBLE STUDY KICK OFF - Wednesday,
Aug 18 6:00 Dinner in Social Hall

Family Camp - awesome new site over Labor Day weekend. Any youth wanting to go without a "family" are welcome to come with the Jones' family :-)

SOME NEW EXCITED ADDITIONS to the program are coming this year - music and worship at youth group, more skits, new leadership development program open to all youth (once a month before youth group), more divided youth group nights, and monthly family pot lucks with parent program, fellowship and discussions. Your ministry team is very excited about this upcoming year.

Sunday School - Julie Ewing is going to be stepping down as Sunday School teacher. We are looking for a couple of parent to help Tammie Eader with our Sunday School program. Courtney Burford will be coming a couple sundays a month to help with this project.



ALL CHURCH WORK DAY

COME HELP US OUT!
Church Servant Work Day!
Saturday, August 29th

7:00 AM

Breakfast included

ALL HELP IS APPRECIATED!

In July, volunteers did 38 hours worth of service.

CHURCH NOTES

**Church Member needs a good running car.
Please contact Barbara Ellen 881-4569**

Thank you to the Church Work Group that met in July! A special thank you to Joy Andersen!

Thank you to Scott Warren and Tom Messmore, who took on the tremendous job of collecting, sorting and setting up and organizing our video equipment!

Thanks to Katrina Bargas and Ashley Oblea for spending a day at church, sorting, cleaning and sharpening pencils.

Thanks to ALL the quiet church "MICE", who do so much around CCUM! You are appreciated!!!

BIBLE STUDY CLASS

Our Bible study class is having another movie night on Wednesday August 18th @ 6:30 in Room 14. We would like to open up the invitation to any who would like to join us. We start with a potluck so bring a dish to share plus your own utensils + drink. The theater seating is awesome and the fellowship is too! Movie title TBA. Any questions...call Karen Sparks 808-3152

Information!

I have been a member of Christ Church since 1964. I have been so fortunate and blessed in these 46 years at this church. Many of our pastors were the very best empowering, equipping and encouraging me in my faith journey. I have been an active working member of most every committee in the church...chairperson of many. My goal was always to contribute and to learn as much about the church as possible in each of these positions. In 1995, I was asked if I would write a job description for a new staff position which would be called, Director Of Volunteer Ministries. I did and then was asked if I would fill this position. I accepted under the provisions that I would not draw a salary and work from four to twelve hours per week. Before 2005 there were many forty hour plus weeks. The title was not clear to some people and it was changed to Director of Lay Ministries. In very simple terms, this me and that I am her to answer question, serve you, love you and encourage you to use your gifts, talents where you choose and they will glorify God the most... be it a committee or special ministry.

Betty Clapp, Director of Lay Ministries



How exciting it is to have a beautiful new stained glass window in the balcony of the sanctuary! It was a joy to be a part of the committee that worked on this project and I want to thank the other members: Patti Weiser, Linda Van Pelt, George and Beverly Lewis, Ted and Sue Gemoets, Sally West, and Pastor Fred.

I thought you might be interested in the process for getting this done.

Patti Weiser started the ball rolling when talk started about covering the new clear window because of the bright light coming in on Sunday morning. She really wanted to use her husband, Rhett's memorial funds along with other memorial funds. Linda Van Pelt researched undesignated memorial funds which could be used. Genia Parker of Ochoa Stained Glass was recommended by several people so she was included in the interview process and chosen to do the work.

We looked at several books with examples; we talked about what we wanted to achieve including the use of the Methodist symbol using one of the cross mullions to complete it. She told us she would do 3 sketches and then she did 6 or 8 for us to look at. We chose the one which was installed. About half of the funds were available to start the order and shortly thereafter the balance was available with generous donations. Within weeks we had a finished product.

I was thrilled at the compatibility of the windows on the side walls of the sanctuary which were done with chunks of glass and concrete and the balcony which is done in a simple flat glass and leaded manner that fit into our budget much better. Genia was the artist and her company executed and installed the final product, all in a very professional manner. Thank you and God Bless each of you.

Lynda Turrentine

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY

Rev. Ernie Fritschle

My last article dealt with falls and clutter in your homes. Well, I must not have read my article because I had a fall. For thirty years I have had a plastic pad under my computer. It has warped and my foot got caught on it and I fell. No bones broken, however I can't say the same thing about my spirit. Now I am removing that old mat.

The Mayo Clinic recently (July 10, 2010) gave six tips on how to prevent falls.

- 1). Check with your doctor as to the medications you are taking, this also includes over the counter.
- 2). Keep moving as physical activity can go a long way toward preventing falls. Slow, dance-like steps can be very helpful.
- 3). Shoes you wear are important. High heels, floppy slipper and shoes with slick soles can make you slip, stumble and fall.
- 4). Remove home hazards such as boxes, newspapers, electrical cords, etc. Keep your high traffic area as clear as possible.
- 5). Keep your living space lit up. Keep a flashlight handy and place a lamp within reach of your bed for middle-of-the-night-needs.
- 6). Use assistive devices if needs. This includes a cane or walker. If you have steps put nonslip tread on them. A raised toilet seat or an armrest may be a good idea. Grab bars for the shower or tub can be helpful. Hand held shower nozzles for bathing may be helpful.

The epistle to the Hebrews tells us how to keep from falling spiritually. It is recorded in Hebrews 10:24-25; Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. God bless us all.

Amen!



Kay Hendricks 1-Aug
 Cathryn McAfee 1-Aug
 Dr. Claire Parsons 1-Aug
 Harold Stites 1-Aug
 Norma Mills 2-Aug
 Theodore Rojo 2-Aug
 Janet Waugaman 2-Aug
 Connie Kiefer 3-Aug
 Ashley Reinke 5-Aug
 Robert Horstman II 6-Aug
 Doris Wood 6-Aug
 Norma Laughman 7-Aug
 General Wendall Fenn 8-Aug
 Harold Lofgren 8-Aug
 Michelle McAfee Aug 8
 Liam Heirs 9-Aug
 Jennifer Lynch 9-Aug
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 Breanna Pike 18-Aug
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 Darrell Obert 26-Aug
 Peggy Scalzo 27-Aug
 Matt Steele 28-Aug
 Robert Lawson 29-Aug
 Karl Lorenz 29-Aug
 Colin Moore 30-Aug
 Dave Mellgren 31-Aug
 Louise Rosenbaum 31-Aug

Please pray for our members
in Care Homes

Atria Bell Court Garden
 Catalina Foothills
 Carestone
 Cascades
 Devon Gables
 Ella's Home
 Encore
 Frances Care Home
 Freedom Inn
 Grace Home
 Heavenly Acres
 Lovecare
 Plum Tree
 Posado Del Sol

Emily Sackett
 Mary Alice Calloway
 Lois Lersch
 Bill Mitchell
 Joy Andersen
 Florence Nye
 Claire Parsons
 Mamie McGeagh
 Esther Taylor
 Rita Kelch
 Pat Schumacher
 Gloria Thomasson
 Roma Loren
 Jan Fryrear

At Home

Dottie & Ed Davies, Elma Davis, Mary Ellis, Jimmy Jenkins,
 Hazel Grizzo, Carmin Huisinga, Pastor Becky Oakes-Long,
 Charles & Dorothy Owens, Kathy Reynolds, Charlotte
 Ruhl, Honey Sanchez, Sharon Stites, Thelma Sutton,
 Jess Townshend, Chuck Tutty, Sandra Townsley, Linda
 Van Pelt, Maylene Waln, Jim Wheelock Gordon Whitley,
 and Don Wood.

In Hospital

Lowell Hickman (TMC), Marian Schaffer (La Canada Care Center)

Men's Fellowship Breakfast and Basketball!

Men's Breakfast - Every other Saturday at 7:00 a.m. at
 The Hungry Fox restaurant (located at the N.W. corner of
 Broadway and Swan) Please contact Dave Mellgren with
 questions at 886-0597.

Hungry Fox Address:
 4637 E. Broadway Blvd.

Basketball - Every third Friday evening at St. Paul's.

Dave Mellgren is contact.

Breakfast in Social Hall @ 7:00AM - Every Wednesday
 Morning - See you there!

Dear Friends,

Many, many thanks for the
 Church Sunday Bulletins I
 receive each week. I'm so
 happy to revieve them so I
 can feel I'm back at Church
 with all my good friends
 whom I miss so much - The
 sermons are wonderful and
 I just "sing along" with you
 each Sunday. Many, many
 thanks - God Bless you all.

Esther Taylor

(Esther also donated stamps!)



I would like to Thank all the Super Volunteers who provided help and inspiration for both Music Camp or VBS. If you were not one of the Many who did volunteer, you missed out on two wonderful weeks at CCUM and should really try to volunteer next year for either or both activities. They are well worth your time and energy. Thanks again to all who helped. - Jackie Baldwin

I want to thank each of you that sent cards & notes of encouragement & prayed for me during my recent hip replacement surgery. I am doing really well. I especially want to thank Pastor Fred for his perfect timing before surgery & just before leaving the hospital to come home. It is such a maze at TMC.

It gave me great comfort to have him pray with us at those times. Sincerely, Doris Russell

Dear CCUM Family:

Thank you so much for all your thoughts and prayers before, during, and after my recent surgery. I so appreciated pastor Fred's and Georgia's visits while I was in the hospital, and all the cards and calls I received when I was recovering at home; and I know my prayer shawl will offer me comfort long after I am fully healed.

I have truly been blessed! Linda Van Pelt

Wesley Foundation: Calling All Freshman

It's that time again! August is quickly approaching and a new school year is just around the corner. For incoming freshman the move to college can cause both excitement and anxiety. The Wesley Foundation at the University of Arizona would like to make this move as comforting as possible. During the beginning of the semester there will be many opportunities for new students to meet current Wesley members. This is a great time for students to meet new people as well as a chance to feel a part of a community on their campus. In order for us to welcome new students we are going to need to know who they are! If you or someone who know knows an incoming freshman, transfer students or anyone who would be interested in being a part of the Wesley Foundation, please send their names to Rev. Dee Dee Azhikakath at: deede@e-mail.arizona.edu or 623-7575

COOKS NEEDED

Wednesday night activities begin on August 25th - including: Bible Studies and Children's Choir. It all starts with a dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm. We are looking for individuals and/or committee's who are willing to do one of these dinners on an occasional basis. It would involve cooking/serving and clean up after dinner. Please contact Valerie Hammons at the church office (327-1116) or Gretchen Lofgren at (663-0775) if you are called to this ministry.

Thank you

IT'S HERE!!!!!!.....Registration for Family Camp (Labor Day Weekend....Sept. 4 - 6) starts on Sunday, Aug. 8th during Coffee Fellowship.

Family Life Council is excited to bring this opportunity of camping to our families with a beautiful new campsite with additional activities and is closer to home with paved roads.

Plan to stop by the registration table and sign up for a wonderful weekend of reflection, fun activities and fellowship.

Notes from Your Lay Leader

While coming across the desert the other day, we were listening to a CD by Dolly Parton. The CD is new but the songs are old. It is a collection of her religious songs. The first one released around 1970, I think she wrote it as a very young girl. The words to a couple of the songs have stayed in my mind for days. The first song is titled, "The Golden Streets of Glory". Dolly sings about the streets of glory, wandering through green meadows where children are playing, passing houses, churches and people one might have known. This street leads up to the Master's throne. Now, this question comes into play, are her feet clean enough to walk the golden streets of glory? I keep wondering what makes our feet clean enough. I have arrived at this answer—my service in the community and church, my kindness, caring and nurturing of my family, friends and strangers, to name a few things. Please take a couple of minutes and think about yourself and your ways----and then ask yourself----are my feet clean enough to walk the golden streets of glory?? The second song is titled, "God's Coloring Book". As we traveled the road between El Paso and Tucson, there were certainly many, many colors. The sky was painted blue with huge white clouds, the sky to the south was grey with rain clouds, the land was green, some brownish colored water, some blue water, depending on the way the golden rays of sun hit it, yellow and blue flowers, birds of many colors----yes, indeed, God's coloring book. The song ends with these words, "each day is a new page in God's coloring book." Look around and enjoy God's coloring book. My hope is that you will enjoy every page, the old and new.

This month brings the opening of schools. Our Preschool is opening it's 50th year, what a celebration for our church and to all the families who have and will attend the Preschool and Parents Day Out programs. Sunday School will be starting it's fall program, the Youth program will be back in full swing as will the choirs-----lots of new beginnings. On August 22nd, the Administrative Council is having a special meeting after the 10:30 worship hour. The Council will be talking about the plans and programs for the future. If you are a member of Ad Council I encourage you to attend, if not a member, please give your ideas to a member so they can bring them to the meeting.

I hope each of you is enjoying the summer. Take good care of yourself during this heat, drink plenty of water and enjoy an ice cream cone.

Peace to you,
Sue Gemoets

SUNDAY FUNDAY

August 29th - 11:45AM

Hawaiian Themed Pot Luck

You bring a side or dessert!

We'll provide the Hawaiian Chicken main course!

Family fun lawn games - sack races, limbo.....

Senior Movie in Holyword Theater (room 14)

Or stay in cool Fellowship Hall and relax and enjoy your friends.

Sunday Funday is YOUR day!



Charles and Alice Washburn were recently honored by Primavera for their team effort for making the "Target Room" project work so well. Also thanks to Charlie from CCUM, who is always in the right place for us at the right time!



The "Weaving" from Annual Conference 2010.

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SAVE THE DATE

Friday, October 1

Family Life and Preschool Council
Invite you to the 2nd annual
Spaghetti Dinner.

Tickets on sale soon

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The first week in October is when the church office orders the pledge envelopes. If you currently receive envelopes and no longer want them, please notify the church office.



A friend loves
AT ALL TIMES.
PROVERBS 17:17, KJV

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

We will kick off the fall season with a potluck on Tuesday, 14 September at 12 noon in the Social Hall. The program will be presented by Paul and Dot Waugaman, sharing their travels in Egypt. All are welcome.

On Saturday, 25 September, at 11:30 a.m. we will meet for an eat-out at the Happy Rooster (1114 S. Sarnoff near 22nd Street). Please make reservations with Acel Scott by 22 September (326-5064).

UMW News

Aug 25 we will meet at CoCo's on Broadway for lunch @ 11 a.m. Please call Opal Ageton 325-7617 for your reservation by Aug 23.

Sept 8, 10 a.m. Christmas in Sept. Bring an unwrapped toy. Catered lunch, \$4.00 @ 11:30 a.m. Reservations, Doris Russell, 721 4411 by Sept. 6. See you there!!

ALZHEIMER'S VIDEO and DISCUSSION sponsored by the Older Adult Ministry Task Force August 29th and September 26th - During Sunday Funday (right after the potluck) Ernie Fritsle will be showing an Alzheimer's video and leading a discussion on the video. 12:00 - 1:00 in Room 14 - (the theater seats, big screen projection room). Join us, if you can.

COMPUTER OPERATORS NEEDED FOR THE 9:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Sally West produces the slides used for the 9:00 hour of worship each Sunday. She is looking for people who would be willing to be trained in the use of the equipment and who would be willing to push the DOWN ARROW one Sunday a month during the 9:00 worship service. Sally will train you and sit with you for as long as it takes to get you feeling comfortable with the slides and the equipment. If for any reason you are not able to do your Sunday, Sally would be your back up. Please let her know you are willing to help out - 325-2775 (office) 298-7109 (home). Thanks, Sally

CHRIST CHURCH TO HOST SOUTH DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING AND "WELCOME AND GROW" SEMINAR
Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 19th — help to welcome guests from around our district as they attend the South District Annual Meeting and "Welcome and Grow" Seminar lead by the Conference Director of Communications, Steve Huestdt and friends. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. in our Fellowship Hall, a salad bar lunch at 11:45 (\$8.00/person) with the afternoon session ending at 3:00 p.m. Let's show the other district churches how welcoming Christ Church really is — plan to be here for this event and make people feel EXTRAVAGANTLY WELCOMED with GOD'S ABUNDANT GRACE thrown in! Mark your calendar, NOW!

STEPHEN MINISTRY MOMENTS

Would you like to make a difference in someone's life? Walk beside them during a time of crisis? Are you a good listener? Then won't you prayerfully consider becoming a trained Stephen Minister? A new class to train Stephen Ministers will be starting October 4th. For more information and an application, please contact Gretchen Lofgren (663-0775); Lorene Sparks (722-9699); or Kaye Jay (405-8471). We need both men and women to join our team.

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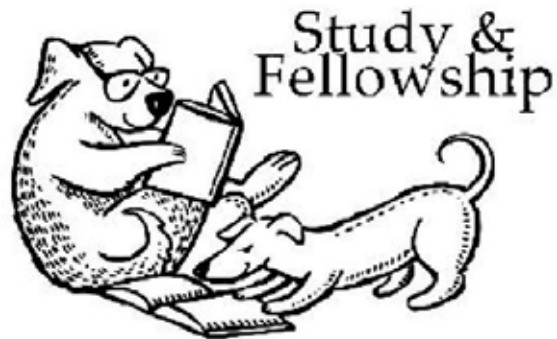
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Wednesday Evenings

Looking for something new?
Try Wednesday Night's @ CCUM!

We start the evening with dinner @ 6:00PM... then you decide which Bible study fits your needs! New classes starting August 25th! Childcare available.

Children's choir meets in Social Hall -begining Aug 18th.